

friends in the Senate to act swiftly to pass the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act.

NATIONAL GUARD

(Mr. GINGREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of border security.

Every day we fail to put a meaningful immigration reform bill on President Bush's desk is 1 more day illegal immigrants will steadily flow across our border, seeking the unearned rewards of American society.

I strongly support President Bush's call for temporarily utilizing members of our National Guard along the border. Guardsmen have the training and skills needed to support our overburdened Border Patrol, as we continue to expand its numbers.

As they have in the past, National Guard units will assist with constructing barriers, providing surveillance operations, and analyzing intelligence. All of these functions will help secure our border while rightfully leaving law enforcement duties to the U.S. Border Patrol.

Mr. Speaker, the National Guard units are a temporary solution to help stop the flow of illegal immigrants into this Nation. I remain committed to legislation that gives our Border Patrol better tools, more personnel and the resources they need to secure our borders.

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF H.R. 810, THE STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT

(Mr. CARNAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize it has been 1 year since this House passed H.R. 810, the Stem Cell Research and Enhancement Act, and still there is no action by the Senate.

Stem cell research holds the promise of cures for many diseases. Removing the Bush administration's limits will expand research and support the hopes of millions of Americans who work every day to survive under the burden of a life-altering diagnosis. Science, not politics, should determine the future of this vital research.

The House passed H.R. 810 with extraordinary bipartisan effort, and most believe there is a bipartisan group in the Senate of well over 60 votes to pass this bill. And still there is no action in the Senate.

We stand here with the tools in our hands to ease the pain of so many across this country and around the world. If we don't tap into this potential, we will never know what it can yield. To forego potentially lifesaving

cures is simply immoral. It is time for the Senate to act on lifesaving cures.

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MEXICAN PRESIDENT SHOULD WORK TO GUARD BORDER

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I read in the paper this morning that Mexican President Vicente Fox is visiting the United States today. I would like to encourage him to visit the border and to understand why we are so troubled by what is happening there. The reported actions on that border, they are not good for his country. They are certainly not good for our's.

And I hope he does spend some time observing the power of freedom and capitalism, to make a better life for countries which choose to honor these values. That power of freedom is a reason people want to come. We ask that they come legally and respecting those laws and respecting those freedoms.

I also hope that he will speak to those breaking U.S. law, violating the security on our border and tell them he does not condone what they are doing.

Mr. Speaker, the Mexican President should be working with us to guard our borders, not encouraging his nation's citizens to cross our borders illegally. We hope he will join us in the fight against terrorism.

SOMETHING IS ROTTEN IN THE STATE OF BIG OIL

(Mr. BISHOP of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, while the Federal Trade Commission says price gouging isn't a problem at the Nation's gas pumps, American families know there is something rotten in the state of big oil.

In the face of soaring gas prices that have pinched consumers for over a year, record breaking profits and nine-figure golden parachutes for oil CEOs, it is impossible to fathom why the FTC didn't include any meaningful recommendations about how to deal with price spikes or why our leadership in Congress hasn't done a better job delivering relief to American families approaching the peak summer months of gas consumption.

One thing is for sure: This rubber stamp Republican Congress bears responsibility for an energy policy that makes a priority of handing out billions worth of tax breaks for an industry that simply doesn't need it, as one CEO testified before the Senate, above delivering real relief to consumers.

When all five FTC Commissioners back up their report before the Senate Commerce Committee today, it is going to be a tough sell to the Amer-

ican people that price gouging really isn't a problem and that what is good for the oil companies' bottom line is good for the American families.

REPUBLICANS HAVE ALREADY WORKED TO GAIN BORDER SECURITY

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, Democrats unveiled their national security agenda recently with much fanfare. High on their agenda was improving border security. So how can Democrats improve border security?

Here are some suggestions. First, you get a border security bill that addresses the hiring of illegal immigrants and gaining control of our borders. Second, you can have a bill that completes the mission of the 9/11 Commission recommendations by implementing common-sense reforms in order to better protect our homeland.

Now, I am sure many on this side of the aisle are asking, didn't we pass legislation like this? Why, yes we did. Back in December 2005, we passed the Border Protection Anti-Terrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act, which combats the hiring of illegal workers and increases penalties for alien smuggling. We also passed the Real ID, which requires driver's license applicants to provide proof they are in the country legally and closed asylum loopholes that the 9/11 Commission found had been abused by a number of terrorists.

Mr. Speaker, I guess the Democrats left improving border security on their list because they didn't vote for either bill. But I say they should check it off. House Republicans have already accomplished it.

REPUBLICANS UNDERFUND OUR VETERANS

(Mr. FILNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, as we near Memorial Day, it is especially important to recognize the dedication of the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces over the years. Across the country on Monday, flags will be flown, parades will be held, and many Americans will enjoy a day off work. However, truly honoring our veterans means making sure their needs are met every day of the year, not just on one day in May.

Democrats believe strongly in providing for America's veterans. That is why we introduced the New GI Bill for the 21st Century, comprehensive legislation that will strengthen benefits for veterans and military retirees, as well as the men and women serving our country today.

Unfortunately, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle do not seem to